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SUBJECT: GATT DG LONG AND DDG PATTERSON VISIT TO WASHINGTON  
LAST WEEK

1. REPORTS RECEIVED HERE FROM VARIOUS WASHINGTON SOURCES SUGGEST THAT SOME CONFUSION RESULTED FROM JUXTAPOSITION, ON THE ONE HAND, OF ALARMIST VIEWS EXPRESSED IN WASHINGTON BY LONG/ PATTERSON ON U.S.-LDCS RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SUCCESSFUL AND RELATIVELY HARMONIOUS OUTCOME OF THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING ITSELF. THIS CABLE IS AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY FOR WASHINGTON WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE SITUATION.

2. AMBASSADOR WALKER TALKED WITH PATTERSON ON OCTOBER 30 ON THIS SUBJECT. PATTERSON CONCEDED THAT HE AND LONG HAD BEEN UNDULY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR RESULTS IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING WHICH WAS BEING HELD WHILE THEY WERE IN WASHINGTON. PATTERSON CONCURS THAT THE MEETING WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCCESSFUL, THAT IT CONCLUDED ON A UP-BEAT NOTE AND THAT

THERE WAS GENERAL SATISFACTION AMONG THE LDCS OVER THE SCHEDULE THAT WAS AGREED TO IN THE MEETING.

3. PATTERSON ALSO CONCEDED THAT HE HAD BEEN IN ERROR IN HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT LDCS HAD EXPRESSED STRONG AND VOCAL OPPOSITION TO LOW KEY, BUT UNMISTAKABLE, REASSERTION BY U.S. OF ITS INTENTION TO SEEK APPROPRIATE LDC RECIPROCITY IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS CONTEXT. IN FACT LDCS EXPRESSED NO OPPOSITION AT ALL TO U.S. STATEMENT. QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY WAS NOT FURTHER ADDRESSED IN PLENARY OR RESTRICTED SESSIONS, OR EVEN IN CORRIDORS.

4. PATTERSON ALSO CONCEDED THAT, TO THE EXTENT HE AND LONG CONVEYED IMPRESSION THAT U.S. WAS VIEWED IN GENEVA AS DRAGGING ITS FEET ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS, SUCH A CONCLUSION WAS NOT WARRANTED IN LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS MEETING.

5. PATTERSON DID REITERATE, HOWEVER, HIS AND LONG'S BELIEF THAT U.S. AND OTHER DCS MUST CONTINUE TO WORK HARD AT MAINTAINING CLEAR LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO LDCS AND TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET THE COMMITMENTS MADE TO LDCS. U.S. MTN DEL IS QUITE WELL AWARE OF THIS AND SO INFORMED PATTERSON.

6. COMMENT: THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF TENDENCY BY LONG AND PATTERSON TO OVERREACT TO LDC PRESSURE. LONG, IN PARTICULAR, IS CONCERNED ABOUT POTENTIAL INSTITUTIONAL DAMAGE TO GATT FROM LDC CLAMOR. PUT MORE UNKINDLY, HE IS REACTING LIKE A GOOD BUREAUCRAT TO CHALLENGES TO HIS TURF. WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD BEAR THIS TENDENCY IN MIND. IT IS TRUE THAT DECEMBER TNC MEETING COULD GO OFF THE TRACK IF SOME LDC TAKES IT INTO ITS HEAD TO PUSH HARD ON SOME DIVISIVE ISSUE, AND IT IS ALSO TRUE THERE IS NO DEARTH OF DIVISIVE ISSUES. BUT WE DO NOT SEE ANY INDICATION YET OF CONCERTED LDC EFFORT TO DISRUPT THE TNC. IF U.S. CAN BEGIN MAKING PRELIMINARY SUBSTANTIVE REACTIONS TO INFLUENTIAL LDC TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LISTS IN ADVANCE OF TNC MEETING ATMOSPHERE FOR MEETING LIKELY TO BE EVEN BETTER. LDC "FRUSTRATION" OVER LACK OF PROGRESS CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE, PERHAPS EVEN TO GROW. BUT U.S. SHOULD NOT OVERREACT TO LONG/PATTERSON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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